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SUBJ: GUIDANCE CONCERNING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF
PROPOSED PROJECTS

REF: (A) STATE 176803, (B) GENEVA 7594

1. REFTEL (A) HAS RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS AT MISSION.
BODY OF LETTER OF OMB REFERS TO QUOTE ASSESSED
CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS UNQUOTE.
THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE THE CIO APPROPRIATION WHICH INCLUDES
ASSESSMENTS FOR WHO, WMO, GATT, WIPO, AND OTHER
GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS FAO, UNESCO, ETC.
WHILE REFTEL WAS ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR WELLS ON
ECOSOC DELEGATION, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION
ABOUT THE APPLICABILITY OF THE OMB PLANNING CEILINGS. IT
MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO KNOW DATE OF OMB LETTER.

2. OMB INDICATES THAT PROVISION IS BEING MADE FOR QUOTE
NO NET PROGRAM INCREASES UNQUOTE. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO
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ALLOW FOR COSTS INCREASES DUE TO INFLATION AND
CURRENCY FLUCTUATION.

3. IF MISSION ASSUMPTION THAT QUOTE NO NET PROGRAM
INCREASES UNQUOTE APPLIES TO ALL INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ASSESS US, THEN THE FOLLOWING POINTS
SHOULD BE NOTED. WHO, WITH US SUPPORT, APPROVED A REAL

INCREASE OF UP TO 2 PERCENT PER ANNUM FOR 1980-81.
WMO HAS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1980-83, REFTEL B, WHICH
INCLUDES 27.8 PERCENT PROGRAM GROWTH, PER MISSION
CALCULATION, ALTHOUGH WMO ARGUES THAT FIGURE IS 4.68
PERCENT PER ANNUM FOR EXPANDING ACTIVITIES. WIPO WILL
BE PRESENTING BUDGET FOR 1980-82; PRESNT INDICATIONS ARE
THAT SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WILL BE PROPOSED.

4. A FURTHER QUESTION MIGHT ARISE WITH RESPECT TO ANY
CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE USG MIGHT ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO MAKE
TO A COMMON FUND. WE ASSUME THAT ANY US PAYMENTS TO
INDIVIDUAL ICAS WOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE
INCLUDED. IF THE USG WERE TO DECIDE, HOWEVER, TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD OF A
SECRETARIAT FOR THE COMMON FUND DURING A STARTUP PERIOD,
WOULD THIS COUNT AGAINST THE OVERALL OMB PLANNING
CEILING. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THESE ARE EXTREMELY IM-
PORTANT CONSIDERATIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN
DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGY OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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